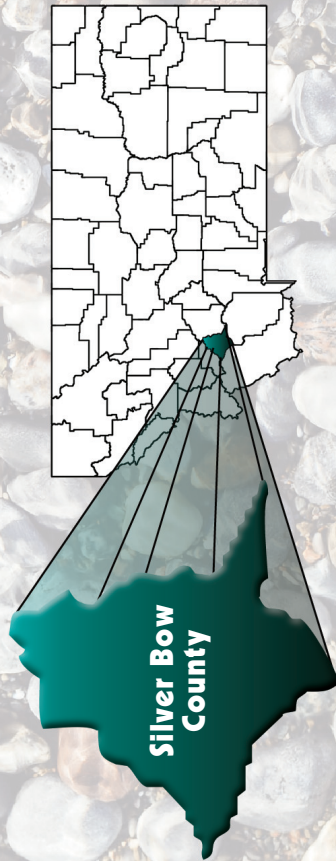




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Demographic & Economic Information for Silver Bow County



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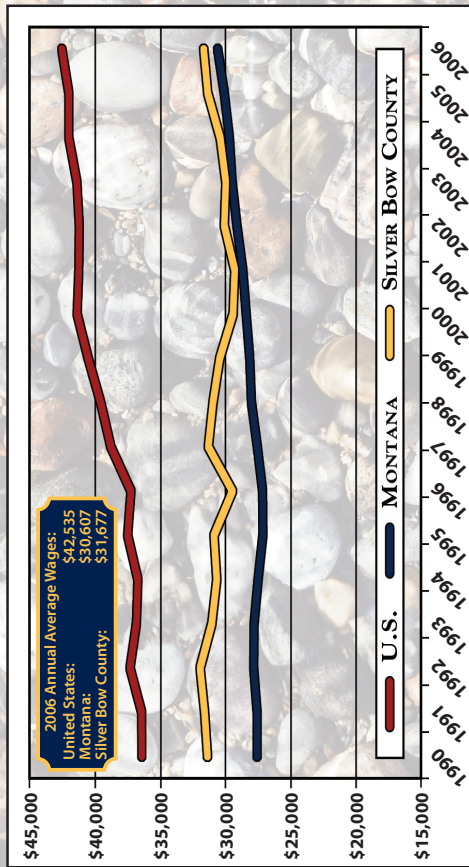
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Annual Average Labor Force - Silver Bow County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	17,334	16,738	596	3.4%
2005	17,131	16,445	686	4.0%
2004	17,111	16,331	780	4.6%
2003	16,859	16,041	818	4.9%
2002	16,984	16,111	873	5.1%
2001	17,099	16,220	879	5.1%
2000	17,192	16,202	990	5.8%

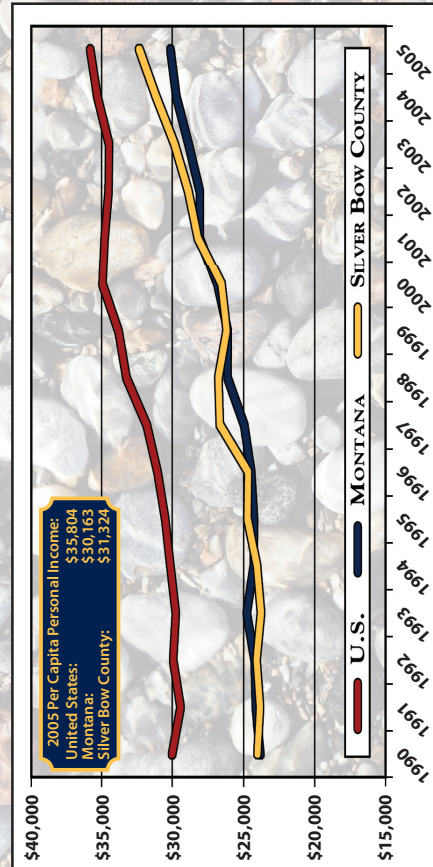
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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SILVER BOW COUNTY

Silver Bow County is Montana's eighth most populous county, with an estimated 32,110 residents as of July 1st, 2006. In 1977, the county and the city of Butte consolidated their governments into a single entity known as Butte-Silver Bow. Among other Montana cities, the Butte-Silver Bow area ranks as the fifth most populous.¹ Other cities and towns in Silver Bow County include: Centerville, Divide, Melrose, Ramsay, Silver Bow, and Walkerville.

Butte, a former copper mining boomtown, was once Montana's largest city. While copper mining continues on a smaller scale, Butte's economy is now driven by more diverse sources, such as Health Care, Retail Trade, Utilities, and Tourism. A town rich in history and possessing one of the largest historical districts in the U.S., Butte has developed a successful "heritage tourism" industry. Non-residents spent an estimated \$67 million in Butte-Silver Bow in 2005.² Additionally, Butte has attracted several technology-based companies to the area, such as ASimi, Synesis7, Portlock Software, e-DOCS USA, and ITG World.² In Spring 2008, Butte AeroTec, a rocket and jet engine test facility, has plans to open a site for testing technologies to launch military satellites into space. The project is estimated to cost \$1 million.³

¹U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

²Butte-Silver Bow Community Business Plan, "Butte Local Development Corporation, www.buttemontana.org/Draft%20Business%20Plan%20final%20draft.pdf

³Butte Local Development Corporation Newsletter, Fall 2007, <http://www.buttemontana.org/Newsletters/BLDC%20Newsletter%20Fall%202007.pdf>

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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Air transportation	2	*	*
Truck transportation	16	116	\$39,786
Transit and ground passenger transport	3	55	\$15,420
Support activities for transportation	8	92	\$30,018
Couriers and messengers	5	85	\$32,923
Warehousing and storage	2	*	*
INFORMATION	25	337	\$38,514
Publishing industries, except Internet	5	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	3	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	5	66	\$26,890
Telecommunications	10	127	\$55,570
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	3	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	54	300	\$40,558
Credit intermediation & related activity	23	203	\$31,199
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	9	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	21	60	\$52,105
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	2	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	47	182	\$17,689
Real estate	34	77	\$21,720
Rental and leasing services	13	105	\$14,750
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	114	784	\$47,550
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	1	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	54	688	\$29,403
Administrative and support services	50	648	\$29,794
Waste management and remediation service	4	40	\$23,059
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	10	124	\$16,151
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	151	2,694	\$26,798
Ambulatory health care services	97	968	\$28,428
Hospitals	3	798	\$35,957
Nursing and residential care facilities	16	504	\$18,179
Social assistance	36	425	\$16,103
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	49	452	\$13,138
Performing arts and spectator sports	6	29	\$18,029
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	3	22	\$9,838
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	40	401	\$12,968
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	122	1,687	\$11,041
Accommodation	17	394	\$12,236
Food services and drinking places	105	1,293	\$10,677
OTHER SERVICES	110	555	\$17,680
Repair and maintenance	42	186	\$21,964
Personal and laundry services	19	77	\$17,762
Membership associations & organizations	45	284	\$14,930
Private households	4	8	\$14,948
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	41	2,227	\$39,124
Local Government	10	1,166	\$33,142
State Government	11	762	\$42,017
Federal Government	20	300	\$55,005

The QCIEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	1196	15,183	\$31,678
TOTAL PRIVATE	1154	12,955	\$30,398
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	4	24	\$18,016
Crop production	1	*	*
Animal production	3	*	*
MINING	5	*	*
Oil and gas extraction	1	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	1	*	*
Support activities for mining	3	48	\$42,043
UTILITIES	11	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	110	581	\$35,150
Construction of buildings	37	186	\$29,658
Heavy and civil engineering construction	12	80	\$53,490
Specialty trade contractors	62	316	\$33,754
MANUFACTURING	44	577	\$38,208
Food manufacturing	7	43	\$12,155
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	3	*	*
Textile product mills	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	4	16	\$13,961
Printing and related support activities	4	31	\$20,500
Petroleum & coal products manufacturing	1	*	*
Chemical manufacturing	5	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	3	*	*
Primary metal manufacturing	2	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	5	38	\$20,061
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	2	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	7	10	\$19,580
WHOLESALE TRADE	47	367	\$34,050
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	28	190	\$35,265
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	11	141	\$30,130
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	7	35	\$43,369
RETAIL TRADE	160	2,092	\$21,981
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	24	325	\$32,517
Furniture and home furnishings stores	15	90	\$35,156
Electronics and appliance stores	8	59	\$27,656
Building material & garden supply stores	16	119	\$29,121
Food and beverage stores	11	217	\$21,162
Health and personal care stores	8	51	\$24,381
Gasoline stations	10	200	\$15,227
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	16	66	\$13,704
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	15	119	\$10,535
General merchandise stores	8	662	\$19,429
Miscellaneous store retailers	23	154	\$15,484
Nonstore retailers	6	28	\$29,026
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	36	393	\$31,205

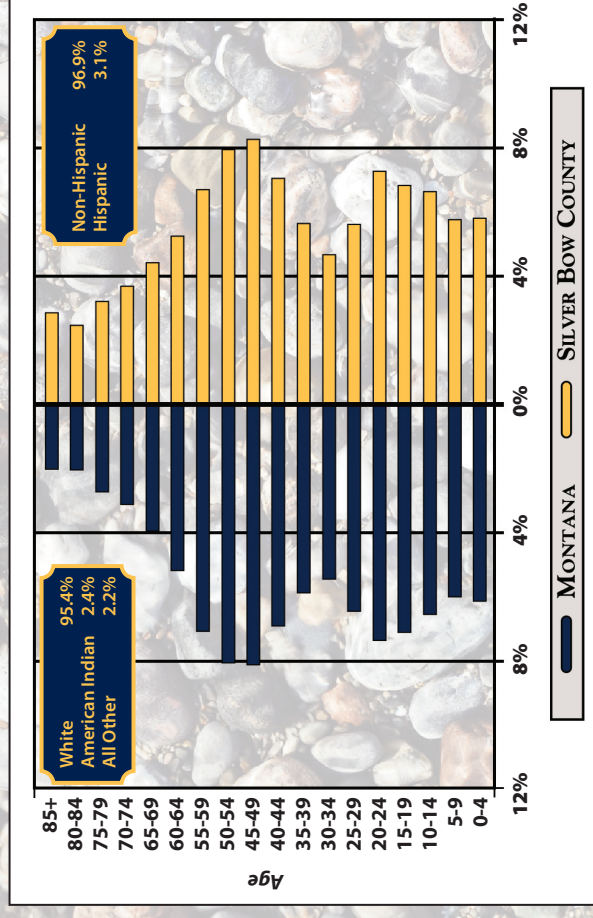
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
* Data Not Disclosable

Population for Silver Bow County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates							Census April 1, 2000
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	
Silver Bow County	-5.2%	32,801	32,876	33,067	33,222	33,438	33,768	34,526	34,606
Butte-Silver Bow (balance)	-5.3%	32,110	32,180	32,368	32,532	32,749	33,072	33,814	33,892
Walkerville town	-3.2%	691	696	699	690	689	696	712	714

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Silver Bow County, 2006



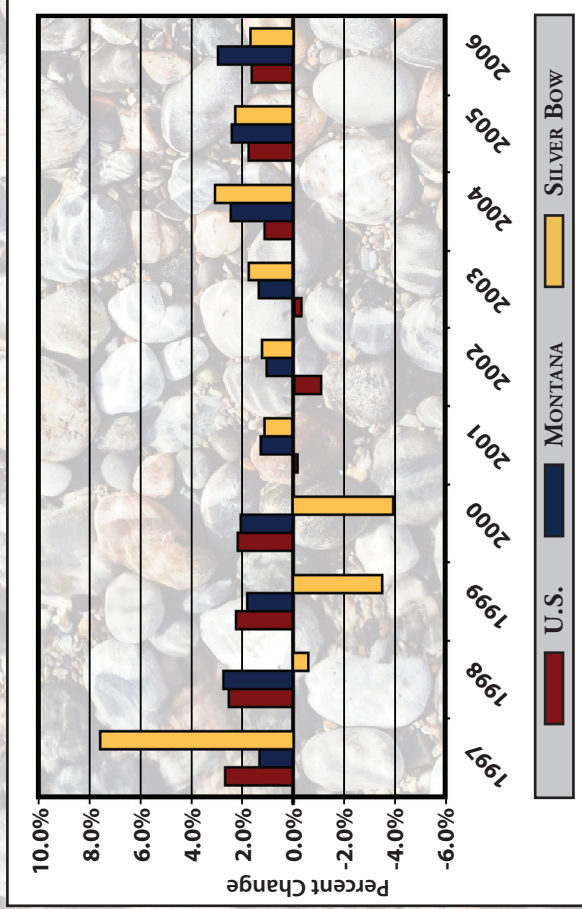
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Silver Bow County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	14.9%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	34.3%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	24.6%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	4.5%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	14.8%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	5.0%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.3%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.6%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Silver Bow County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 20 Private Employers in Silver Bow County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Advanced Silicon Materials	6	MSE Inc	6
Aware Inc.	6	Montana Resources	7
Butte Convalescent Center	6	Montana Standard	6
Children's Comprehensive Services	6	Northwestern Energy	7
Community Counseling & Correctional Service	7	Pioneer Technical Services	5
Community Health Center	5	Rocky Mountain Clinic	5
Crest Nursing Home	5	Safeway	5
Easter Seals - Goodwill	6	St James Community Hospital	8
Harrington Restaurant Supply	6	Town Pump	7
Herberger's	6	Wal-Mart	7

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW). This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Silver Bow County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	155
Land in farms (acres)	73,792
Average size of farms (acres)	476
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	135
1,000 acres or more	20
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	145
\$100,000 or more	10
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	146
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	9
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	5,937
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Sheep and lambs	291
Horses and ponies	758
Bison	56
Chickens (layers and broilers)	68
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	0
Wheat for grain, All	0
Winter wheat for grain	0
Durum wheat for grain	0
Spring wheat for grain	0
Barley for grain	0
Oats for grain	(D)
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, hayslage, grass silage	6,281

Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	83
Other	72
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	139
Not on farm operated	16
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	42
10 years or more	113
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	78
55 years and over	77
Average age of operators: (number)	55.1

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
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